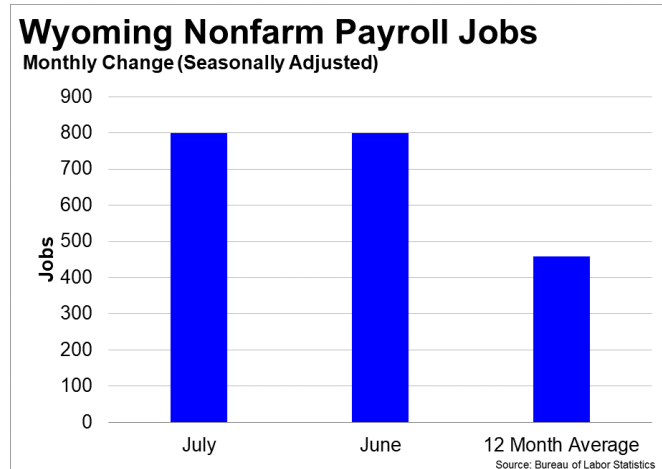
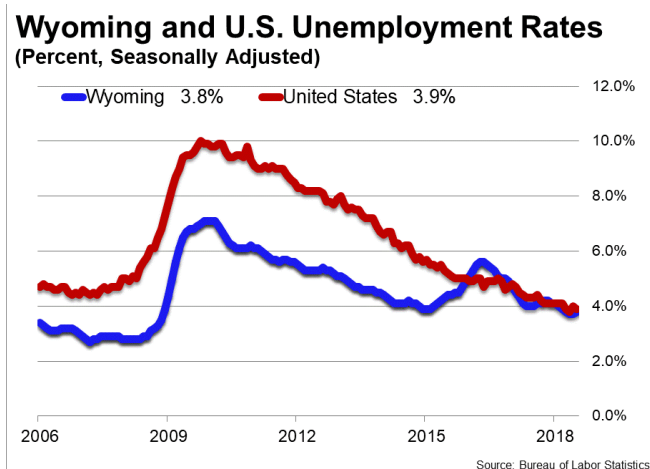


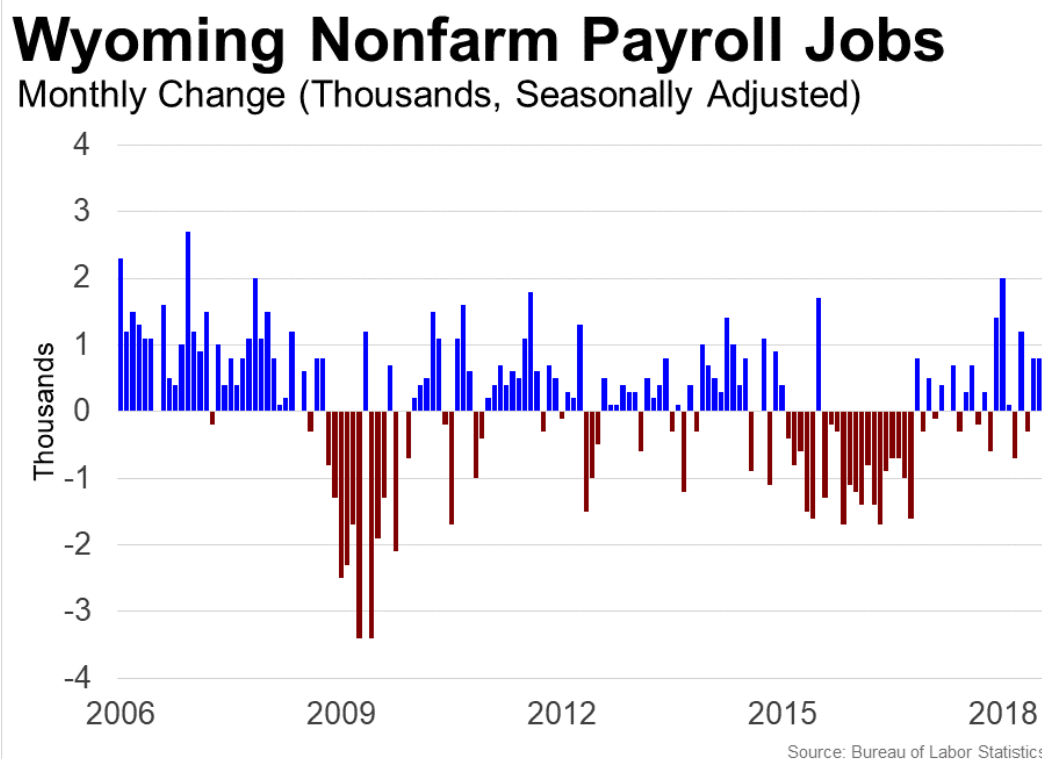


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## Summary

- **Wyoming added 800 jobs and the unemployment rate increased by 0.1 percentage point to 3.8 percent in July** according to Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) data.
- **Over the past twelve months, Wyoming added 5,500 jobs** and the unemployment rate fell by 0.2 percentage point from 4 percent.
- **In July, Wyoming's private sector payrolls remain unchanged** and over the past twelve months it created 6,200 jobs.
- The number of **unemployed Wyomingites rose by 191 in July**, and over the past year 5,159 Wyomingites lost jobs.
- Wyoming's **labor force participation rate decreased to 64.6 percent** from 64.8 percent in July. Since last year, the labor force participation rate fell 0.8 percentage point.
- The national unemployment rate **declined by 0.1 percentage point to 3.9 percent in July**. State employment and unemployment data for August is scheduled for release on September 21, 2018. The national employment situation report for August will be released on Friday, September 7, 2018.





## **Wyoming Payroll Employment**

Wyoming added 800 jobs, or 0.28 percent, on a seasonally adjusted basis during July. In the prior month, Wyoming added 800 jobs. Over the past twelve months, nonfarm payrolls in Wyoming increased by 5,500, or 1.95 percent. Wyoming nonfarm payroll employment has increased in 8 of the past 12 months.

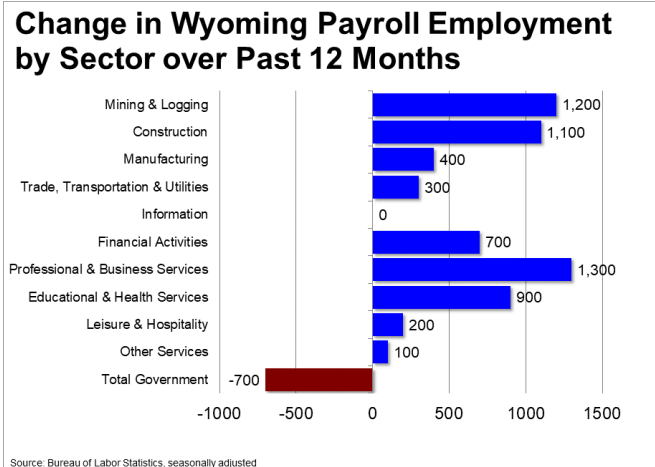
Nationally, nonfarm payrolls increased by 157,000 jobs in July, or 0.11 percent. Over the 12-month period ending July 2018, nonfarm payrolls grew by 2,400,000 jobs, or 1.64 percent. Wyoming ranks 27th among the 50 states and the District of Columbia for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.

During July, Wyoming's private-sector was unchanged. The private-sector in Wyoming added 900 jobs in the prior month. Over the past twelve months, private-sector payrolls in Wyoming increased by 6,200, or 2.93 percent. Wyoming private-sector payroll employment has increased in 8 of the past 12 months.

Nationally, private-sector payroll jobs increased by 170,000 jobs in July, or 0.13 percent. Over the past 12 months, the nation's economy has added 2,392,000 jobs in the private-sector, an increase of 1.92 percent. Wyoming ranks 27th among the 50 states and the District of Columbia for percentage gain in private-sector payroll employment over the past 12 months.

The best performing sectors on a seasonally adjusted basis during July were Total Government (+800) and Educational & Health Services (+300). The poorest performing sectors during the month were Trade, Transportation & Utilities (-300) and Leisure & Hospitality (-200).

The best performing sectors during the last twelve months were Professional & Business Services (+1,300) and Mining & Logging (+1,200). The poorest performing sectors during the last twelve months were Total Government (-700) and Information (unchanged).



## Wyoming Labor Force Statistics

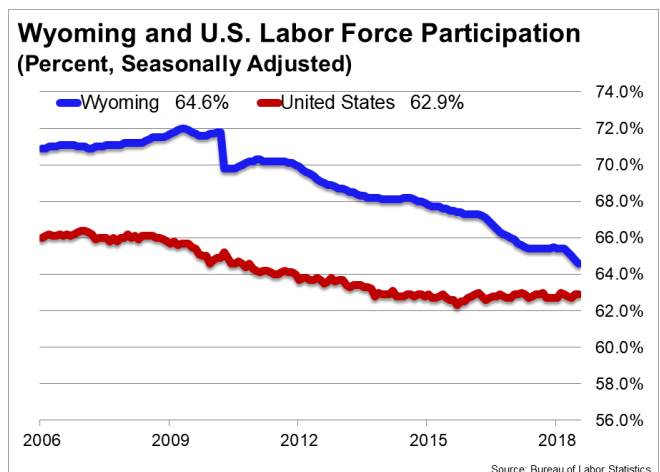
### *Labor Force Participation*

The labor force participation rate in Wyoming declined to 64.6 percent in July from 64.8 percent the prior month. Among the 50 states and the District of Columbia, 19 have a higher labor force participation rate than Wyoming. The labor force participation rate in Wyoming is unchanged from a year earlier. The labor force participation rate is the percentage of the civilian noninstitutionalized population age 16 and older who are employed or actively looking for work.

The 10-year high for the labor force participation rate in Wyoming was 72.0 percent in May 2009. The series high for the labor force participation rate in Wyoming occurred in January 1983 when the labor force participation rate hit 72.7 percent. The 10-year low for the labor force participation rate was 64.6 percent in July 2018. This also represents the series low for the labor force participation rate in Wyoming. The national labor force participation rate was unchanged at 62.9 percent, but remains near its 38-year low of 62.4 percent.

### *Employment-to-Population Ratio*

The employment-to-population ratio, or the percentage of the Wyoming civilian noninstitutionalized population 16 years and older counted as employed, declined to 62.1 percent in July from 62.3 percent the prior month. Among the 50 states and the District of



Columbia, 18 have higher employment-to-population ratios than Wyoming. The employment-to-population ratio in Wyoming is 0.6 percentage point lower than a year earlier.

The 10-year high for the employment-to-population ratio in Wyoming was 69.3 percent in September 2008. This also represents the series high for the employment-to-population ratio in Wyoming. The 10-year low for the employment-to-population ratio was 62.1 percent in July 2018. The series low for the employment-to-population ratio occurred in April 1976 when the employment-to-population ratio was 61.9 percent.

The national employment-to-population ratio rose by 0.1 percentage point to 60.5 percent in July. That rate was 0.3 percentage point higher than a year earlier. The all-time high for the employment-to-population ratio was 64.7 in April 2000. The 10-year high for the employment-to-population ratio was 63.4 percent in December 2006. The recent low occurred in October 2013 when the employment-to-population ratio dipped to 58.2 percent. The last time the employment-to-population ratio posted a reading lower than 58.2 percent was July 1983.

